

CIRCLE OF HARMONY SALON AT TWO RIVERS MANSION PAYS TRIBUTE TO BLACK MOZART



Nashville, Tenn. --- Metro Parks' offers a unique twist to Black History Month with its' *Circle of Harmony Salon* tribute to the life and music of The Black Mozart: Joseph Boulogne de Saint-George. The first tribute salon is scheduled on February 14 and February 28, from 7 - 8 p.m. at Two Rivers Mansion. Admission is \$10 per person.

The "salons" in 18th century Paris, France were places where people from diverse backgrounds came together for great music and invigorating philosophical discussions on subjects like liberty, justice, and equality. In 2007, Two Rivers reintroduces the concept with great music performed by The Black Mozart String Quartet and Roy "Futureman" Wooten that pays homage to the legendary Black Mozart, Joseph Boulogne de Saint-George

This 18th century Maestro and swordsman made contributions that revolutionized the world of musical creation. Saint-George used his abilities to find fame and fortune, yet, as the son of a slave, remained an outsider. He fought against racism all his life, and can serve as a powerful hero for all of us as we struggle against the racism and divisiveness of today.

The Black Mozart String Quintet is composed of young violinists and cellists under the direction of Wooten. The music is complemented by the addition of a rapper, local hip-hop artists, and narrators/actors when appropriate. Performances are followed by a discussion, and audience participation is welcomed. Refreshments will be served compliments of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion.

The February 14th program will focus on the life and music of The Black Mozart: Joseph Boulogne de Saint-George, while the February 28th program will again feature the music of Saint-George, but will be expanded with music composed by Roy "Futureman" Wooten in dedication to Saint-George.

This program is a cooperative effort between Metro Parks, Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, and Roy "Futureman" Wooten. For more information on the Salons, call 862-8424.